

DEMPSEY HELD FOR POISONING.

The Master Workman of District 3, K. of L., Surrenders and Gives Bail.

ATTORNEY BURLEIGH ACTS

He Orders an Information Made Against the Labor Leader.

Believed It to Be His Duty to Take Cognizance of the Charges Made by the Carnegie Company Attorneys—Dempsey Furnishes Bonds for \$2,500—Refuses to Discuss the Case—Other Sensational Arrests Promised—Homestead Workman Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances in North Carolina—Coroner McDowell Making a Searching Investigation Into the Causes That Led to the Death of Sinsy.

Hugh F. Dempsey, Master Workman of District 3, Knights of Labor, is under \$2,500 bail for complicity in the Homestead poison cases.

Dempsey appeared at Alderman McMaster's office late yesterday afternoon with his attorney, L. K. Porter, Thomas Delaney and several of his friends. Mr. Porter introduced Dempsey to the Alderman by saying, "Alderman, this is Mr. Dempsey. You have doubtless heard of him before."

Alderman McMaster asked what disposition they wanted made of the case.

Dempsey turned to his attorney and said: "Well, I will leave that to you, Porter. You know whether the hearing should be waived or not. I have not had any experience in this line."

It was decided to waive the hearing and give bail for appearance at court. While the bail bond was being prepared, Dempsey picked up the information and read the document through carefully. When he saw the date on, which the alleged poisoning is said to have occurred, with a laugh he called his attorney to his side and pointed to it. Dempsey's bond was furnished by Mr. Delaney.

Dempsey Didn't Care to Talk.

When questioned Dempsey refused to be interviewed. He said: "I have nothing to say, my attorney will do all the talking for me."

Attorney Porter in answer to this said: "You can say I am ready to see the sky fall, after a man like Mr. Dempsey—with the character and good reputation he has always borne—is arrested charged with a crime like this. It's absurd."

Later Dempsey said: "I had no knowledge a warrant had been issued for my arrest until I was informed of it at short time ago by my reporter. As soon as I learned the news I at once went for Thomas Delaney and as soon as I found him went immediately to the Alderman's office. I didn't know an officer was after me, and I think, in common humanity, the man who is waiting for me at my office should be notified that I have given myself up."

As Dempsey was on his way to the K. of L. rooms he met by Pat Farrell, who was detective Farrell approached Dempsey, and after reading the warrant to him re-arrested him. Notwithstanding Dempsey's assertions that he had already been to the Alderman's office and given bail, Detective Farrell took him up again.

Instructed by the District Attorney.

County Detective Harry Belthover made the information under instructions from District Attorney Burleigh. As soon as Mr. Burleigh came down town yesterday morning he took up the cases and ordered the detective to take information against Dempsey, J. M. Davidson and Patrick Gallagher. Mr. Belthover at once went to McMaster's office and fulfilled his charge, with the exception of Gallagher's case. He discovered an information had been made against this man some time ago by William E. Griffiths, the workman who is said to have suffered from poison. The information in each instance are based on Griffiths' case.

The warrant for Dempsey was put in the hands of Detective Patrick Farrell. This officer went to the Knights of Labor headquarters and waited all afternoon for the District Master Workman. It was reported yesterday afternoon that Dempsey had left town as soon as he heard of the information. This was accepted as true and it was a surprise when he gave himself up. Neither Davidson or Gallagher were arrested yesterday, but will probably be put in jail to-day.

Afraid the Men Will Talk.

Captain Breck said yesterday Gallagher would not be bailed by the Carnegie Company. "He will be treated," said he, "the same as any of the others. We are not trying to find Davidson and Gallagher to-day, for we know where they are. The greatest trouble we have had was to keep them from the reports."

District Attorney Burleigh had this to say about ordering the arrests of these men: "The view took of the poisoning charges was that enough had been published and sufficient prima facie evidence produced to justify a judicial investigation. Of all the people who ought to insist on a thorough investigation Dempsey and the labor men were the ones. There is not a labor organization in the country that incorporates either wholesale or retail poisoning in its platform, but abhors such business. Any one knows that such tactics would destroy any organization. This was not a case of non-union against union men. Dempsey, if innocent, ought to be pleased at the chance of a public investigation to vindicate himself. The organizations should also be glad of a chance to vindicate one of their leading men or else have punished one who would prostitute the order to such an extent that would almost cause its final extermination. The cases will be speedily and thoroughly investigated."

Going After Professional Men.

Mr. Burleigh is now in possession of allegations against a doctor and a druggist in connection with the affair, and he is engaged in sifting their complaint. He will likely decide to-day what action he will take in regard to them.

The information against Dempsey and Davidson are the same, but there is a slight change in the wording of Gallagher's. The words "assault on Davidson's person" are changed to "assault on Gallagher's person" and "Dempsey" is changed to "Gallagher's person."

The charge against Dempsey is worded as follows:

Before me, the subscriber James V. McMaster, an Alderman in and for said city, personally called on Harry Belthover, County Detective, who, upon oath administered according to law, deposed and said: "At Midway township in the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on or about the day of October, 1892, and on other and divers days previous thereto, the said defendant Hugh F. Dempsey, did administer and cause to be administered and taken by William E. Griffiths and others to complainant unknown a certain deadly poison or destructive drug, thereby causing bodily injury to said William E. Griffiths and others to complainant unknown dangerous to the lives of the said William E. Griffiths and others to the complainant unknown, with intention in so administering the said poison and destructive drug to commit the crime of murder."

BLAINE IS BETTER,

But His Physicians No Longer Hold Out Any Hopes of His Recovery.

HE MAY LIVE FOR DAYS.

The Probabilities, Though, Are That He Will Pass Away Soon.

OVERWORK BROUGHT ON DISEASE

And He Is Now Barely Kept Alive by Means of Mild Stimulants.

HIS FAITHFUL WIFE'S DEVOTION

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Yesterday's excitement caused by the knowledge that James G. Blaine is on his deathbed has been materially subsided to-day, but yet there is unusual interest in his condition and the progress of his disease. Although it has been well known in Washington for more than a fortnight that Mr. Blaine was seriously ill, it was not until a day or two ago that the public realized his critical condition and not until yesterday was it known to be hopeless.

There has been no crowd about the Blaine residence to-day, since early morning, because the first bulletin of the doctors was reassuring and announced that there is no danger of the immediate death of their distinguished patient. They held out no hopes, however, and it is plain from their statements, and their manner while making them, that Mr. Blaine has but a very short time to live. The family realize this fully, and are calmly waiting for the end.

The Family at His Bedside.

Mrs. Blaine is at her husband's bedside, where she has been constantly during his illness. His daughters, Mrs. Damosch and Miss Harriet Blaine; his son, James G. Blaine, Jr., and the widow of his second son, Edmund, are all at present located in the big red house, as is also Miss Abigail Dodge ("Gail Hamilton"), the sister of Mrs. Blaine, who has been a great favorite and close companion and a valuable helpmate to Mr. Blaine during his entire public career.

Notwithstanding the sensation and excitement caused by the Saturday night announcement of the physicians that Mr. Blaine was suffering from a fatal malady, the members of the family feel relieved that the public will be kept in confidence, and it is intimated that they are somewhat regretful that they did not allow the physicians to speak sooner than they did.

Despite the fact that Mr. Blaine is a private citizen, with no hope of ever reaching the summit of his ambition, even should a few of them be realized, the news of his illness has been a source of great interest to the people of the United States, and the sympathy of the American people has been freely expressed.

Many Messages of Sympathy.

All day long messages of sympathy and hope have poured in upon the Blaine household from every corner of the earth. A few of them are given in full below, to see, but only a few. All have been read by members of the family with sorrow mingled with gratitude. All day long, too, callers have stopped at the Blaine home to inquire for the condition of Mr. Blaine and to hope that he had improved. But few of them gained admission to the house, but all went away cheered by the information that the patient is much better to-day than yesterday.

A spirit of sadness and anxiety hung over Congress to-day also. There was a universal feeling that the news would come that the brilliant leader was dead, and Democrats joined their Republican colleagues in expressing their sadness and sympathy for the bereaved family.

In session only for a moment, the illness of Mr. Blaine was a topic of discussion. In opening the Senate the chaplain invoked the aid of Providence in Mr. Blaine's behalf.

There has been nothing to indicate to-day that anything unusual is occurring within the big house. With the exception of the numerous callers, going and coming, the blinds were all thrown back, the shades were up, and the house presented a most cheerful appearance for one containing the sick and dying.

Young Jimmy Always to Be Seen.

Young Mr. Blaine was making himself very agreeable to the callers and very conspicuous to the idlers on the street. He was constantly coming to the door to receive company ladies to their carriages, to receive messages, and to talk to reporters, and once or twice he walked half a block away from the house without his hat, and seemingly regardless of the weather.

Late in the afternoon Mrs. Blaine and Miss Harriet took a drive through the Monument grounds in the carriage of their neighbor, Senator Cameron.

One of Mr. Blaine's intimate friends said to-day: "Mr. Blaine's present condition is due to a recurrence of an attack which he has had several times before. This time the attack was very much more severe than the others, and he was by no means in condition to withstand it as he was before."

The original trouble with Mr. Blaine, according to this friend, is due to his exhaustive labors and the manner in which he has been drawing on the future and exhausting his vitality. He has for years been working under high pressure, until his whole system has been tired out and undermined. Growing out of this exhaustive physical state have arisen complications. The weakest parts were naturally the first to be affected, and the first local trouble was the kidneys.

Prostrated by Overwork.

The attack which he has suffered from time to time are understood to have been due to kidney troubles. Each attack has left him more susceptible to cold and prostration from overwork. The progress of the disease has been slow, though retarded as much as possible by skillful medical treatment.

The same gentleman said he had discussed the situation with the physicians, and from what he had learned from them he was convinced that there was no longer any possibility of recovery. He felt that the end was very near, that it might come any hour or might be delayed for two or three days. To a friend who met him at the Arlington Hotel, just as he was proceeding to the city, he said that he was proceeding to the city, and that he was proceeding to the city, and that he was proceeding to the city.

The End May Come at Any Time.

Another friend of the family stated that Mr. Blaine is liable to a recurrent attack of heart-failure at any moment, and that the family have been warned to prepare for the worst. "When," said the gentleman, "the physicians state that Mr. Blaine is better, they simply mean that he is alive, and that is about the true statement of his condition. Cordials of a stimulative nature and other liquid nourishments are given him at frequent intervals, and that alone keep him alive. He is helpless on his bed and cannot change his posture without the aid of his attendants. Mr. Blaine may not live 12 hours, and he may survive three or four days, but I doubt it."

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WHAT IS TO BE DONE NEXT SUMMER

(BY CABLE TO THE DISPATCH.)

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19.—[Copyright.]—Now that the monetary conference has adjourned, facts are coming to light which are of importance bearing on the work of the body and the prospects of practical results at next summer's session. In the first place it has been with the utmost difficulty that the American delegation has been held together. Some very contradictory opinions have been represented among its members, and those of conciliatory views have been at times almost at their wits' end to prevent the disagreements cropping up in the open sessions of the conference.

The English delegates have been hopelessly split almost from the beginning, and had some disaster befallen the Americans the conference would have ended in a fiasco after one or two sessions.

The pending change of administration had much to do with the lack of cohesion among the Americans. Then, too, the almost unanimous condemnation in America of any mere palliative measure, such as the Rothschild scheme, has much surprised most of the American delegates.

Finance of Protections From Home.

Had it not been for protests from home most of the Americans would have favored making Rothschild's proposition the basis of a more equitable measure in the same line.

Several of the American members say they have no doubt that a strong majority recommendation of a silver purchase plan much more favorable to the United States than Rothschild's suggestion could easily have been carried through. Several of the delegates are, however, charged that home opposition made this impossible. They argue that the repeal of the silver purchase bill at the present session of Congress is impossible. Therefore it would be of advantage to make Europe buy thirty or forty millions of ounces during the ensuing year.

The cables were kept busy for several days over the matter, but both the political and financial authorities in America advised that it would not be worth while. The attitude of nearly all the delegations was materially changed by the advice from home during the progress of the conference. This fact makes the Americans most hopeful of practical co-operation in dealing with the situation at next summer's session.

Any Practicable Way Acceptable.

The United States delegates are agreed that any practical plan for an increase in the use of monetary metals—increasing gold, bi-metallicism under some other name—will secure the support of the British and almost all the other European delegates.

The most remarkable change was in the position of the German delegates. They said they were present only as a matter of courtesy, and they were not willing to consider any suggestions of change in the present system. Their instructions were modified more than once while the conference was in session, and at the close they presented themselves ready carefully to consider any plan for co-operation in mitigating the threatened financial evils.

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TAMMANY HAS NO DEMANDS.

Crocker Says the Hall Will Support Cleveland Without Offices.

73 DAYS WITHOUT FOOD.

James Still Now Holds the Record in the Fast.

VANDALS ESCAPE.

The Desecration of Soldiers' Graves in Indiana Still a Mystery.

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IRISH LEADERS AGREE.

They Sign an Order to Release the Paris Prisoners.

LOOKS LIKE POISON.

Lewis Snider's Death Is Too Thoroughly Investigated by the Coroner.

LIVES SACRIFICED.

A Conflagration in the Ft. Orange Flouring Mill at Albany.

BIG STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

About 10,000 Persons Out of Employment and Business Paralyzed.

CHOLERA IN HAMBURG.

Two Cases of the Asiatic Stripes Appear in That City.

THINKS HIM INNOCENT.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 19.—[Special.]—Milo Bradshaw, the old gentleman who was shot in the back a week ago, was here to-day in company with his son, and he had secured the tracks of the man who laid for him and found he was a No. 8 shoe, while Davidson wears a No. 8 shoe.

ALABAMA MINE AFIRE.

BERMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 19.—A serious fire broke out last night in mine No. 3, of the old Cahaba Coal Company, at Hooton. It is reported that several men are imprisoned in the mine and must perish.

PAID THE PENALTY.

The Assistant City Treasurer of St. Louis Shoots Himself

AFTER TRYING TO COMMIT ARSON

To Cover Up a Shortage That Already Foets Up \$63,000.

SAD DISCOVERY OF A DOTTING FATHER

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—At 6 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the office of the City Treasurer, Michael Foerster, and an hour later Edward Foerster, First Assistant Treasurer and son of the Treasurer, was found dead in his room. The fire was started by the young assistant treasurer, and the natural inference is that it was done to destroy the evidence of crime. The day's developments show that there was a big shortage to be covered up.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman, who immediately gave the alarm, and the flames were subdued before much damage had been done. When the firemen entered they found the doors of the safe and the vault in the City Treasurer's office wide open. At 8 o'clock Treasurer Foerster came down town. The son did not live at home and the father knew nothing about the suicide. He was apparently not greatly concerned about the fire until he read the news of his son's act, and then in an instant he had placed the two events together and understood and felt the full force of the blow that had struck him.

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HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—The special grand jury was empanelled at 11:30 to-day and instructed as to their duties by Judge Harvey. At 5:30 they returned indictments against Tom Collins and Burrell Forgy, the two amateur train bandits, for murder in the first degree and attempted robbery.

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A Vast Field of Trade Right at Hand That Is Awaiting Development.

WEST VIRGINIA'S FUTURE

Indicated by the Partial Opening of Its Great Resources.

(Th) People of the Growing State Regard

a City at the Head of the Ohio as the

Natural Metropolis for the Entire

Region—They are Willing and Anxious

to Come Into Closer Business

Relations—The Lack of Proper Transportation

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Which Has Been Made in Many Lines

—The State Has a Market, but Wants

a Depot of Supplies—Some Facts and

Figures.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 19.—"The

Pennsylvania of the future" is the way

many West Virginians speak of their State.

And they are anxious just now to get into

closer relations with the Keystone State in